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ARIZONA MAN SENTENCED FOR TRANSPORTING INDIANA MINOR FOR CRIMINAL SEX ACTS

PRESS RELEASE

Susan W. Brooks, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, announced that RAYMOND EUGENE DAVENPORT, 45, of Phoenix, Arizona, was sentenced to 96 months imprisonment on yesterday, by U.S. District Judge Richard L. Young following his conviction at trial on July 21, 2004, for interstate transportation of a minor with the intent to engage in criminal sexual activity. This case was the result of an investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Perry County Indiana Sheriff's Department.

Evidence submitted to the jury during the trial established that DAVENPORT participated in a two year internet relationship with a minor female residing in Southern Indiana. Chat logs between the minor and DAVENPORT submitted to the jury included

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statements by DAVENPORT that he intended to engage in sex acts with the minor as soon as he met her. Nude photographs that DAVENPORT took of himself and sent to the minor over the internet were also submitted to the jury.

DAVENPORT picked the minor up at her rural Southern Indiana home on August 30, 2003, and drove her to a hotel room in Kentucky. DAVENPORT was later arrested in the hotel room with the minor by FBI agents who traced him to the room using travel records. DAVENPORT told the FBI agents that he knew the minor was 15 years old.

According to Assistant United States Attorney Todd S. Shellenbarger, who prosecuted the case for the government, Judge Young also imposed five years of supervised release following DAVENPORT's release from imprisonment. During the period of supervised release, DAVENPORT must not possess a computer, must not have unsupervised contact with minors, and must register as a sex offender in any state where he resides.

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